

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 5 and extending onto page 6, please amend paragraph 0017 as follows:

[0017] Once the LCP packets are exchanged, the link options negotiated, and the data link connection established, a network layer connection must be established between the TE2 device **102** and the IWF **108**. Such a connection employs protocols **206**, ~~[[212]]~~ **215, 218, 230**, that include, for example, the IP protocol. The negotiating, configuring, enabling, and disabling of the IP protocol on both ends of the PPP links is provided by the well-known Internet Protocol Control Protocol (IPCP). IPCP is a part of a family of Network Control Protocols (NCPs) included in the PPP protocol and is described in Request for Comment (RFC) 1332, "THE PPP INTERNET PROTOCOL CONTROL PROTOCOL (IPCP)", published in May 1992.